

## **REAL Love**

REAL Series #5 Matthew 5:38-48



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and a tooth for a tooth." (v. 38)
God Desires
"18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge
against the children of your people, but you shall love your
neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." (Lev. 19:18)
God Never Desires
"39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person" (v. 39a
• Do Not õResistö = Stand,
Keep Them On Your List
• Find a Way to Them
"But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the
other to him also." 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take
away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And
whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.
42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to
borrow from you do not turn away." (v. 39b-42)
• Stay and Them
• Look For a to Christ
Real Love Everyone
"43 You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love you
neighbor and hate your enemy." (v. 43)
• Everyone, No One

"44 But I say to you, <u>love</u> your enemies, <u>bless</u> those who
curse you, <u>do good</u> to those who hate you, and <u>pray for</u>
those who spitefully use you and persecute you," (v. 44)
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"45 that you may be <u>sons of your Father</u> in heaven; <u>for</u>
He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and
sends rain on the just and on the unjust." (v. 45)
<ul> <li>God Blesses and People</li> </ul>
"46 For <u>if you love those who love you, what reward</u>
<u>have you</u> ? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more
than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?
48 Therefore <u>you shall be perfect</u> , just as your Father in
heaven is perfect." (v. 46-48)
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Will You Take a Step Toward REAL Righteousness?



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## **Real Love Does Not Retaliate**

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• God Desires <u>Justice</u>

"18 <u>You shall not take vengeance</u>, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but <u>you shall love your neighbor as yourself</u>: I am the LORD." (Lev. 19:18)

- God Never Desires <u>Retaliation</u> "39 But <u>I tell you not to resist an evil person</u>..." (v. 39a)
- Do Not õResistö = Stand <u>Against</u>, <u>Oppose</u>
- Keep Them On Your <u>Friend</u> List
- Find a Way to <u>Serve</u> Them

"...But whoever <u>slaps you</u> on your right cheek, <u>turn the</u> <u>other to him also</u>." 40 If anyone wants to <u>sue you</u> and <u>take</u> <u>away your tunic</u>, <u>let him have your cloak also</u>. 41 And whoever <u>compels you to go one mile</u>, <u>go with him two</u>.

42 <u>Give to him who asks you</u>, and from <u>him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away</u>." (v. 39b-42)

- Stay <u>Friends</u> and <u>Serve</u> Them
- Look For a Chance to Share Christ

## Real Love <u>Treats</u> Everyone <u>Right</u>

"43 You have heard that it was said, 'You shall <u>love your</u> <u>neighbor</u> and <u>hate your enemy</u>." (v. 43)

• Love Everyone, <u>Hate</u> No One

"44 But I say to you, <u>love</u> your enemies, <u>bless</u> those who curse you, <u>do good</u> to those who hate you, and <u>pray for</u> those who spitefully use you and persecute you," (v. 44)

- Think Right
- Speak Right
- <u>Do</u> Right
- Pray Right

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- God Blesses Good and Evil People
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  have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
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  heaven is perfect." (v. 46-48)
- Live Different Than The World
- Grow Toward Maturity

Will You Take a Step Toward REAL Righteousness?